

Application No. 10/735,503

Docket No. 134417-1

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Patent Office, as evidenced by the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2005.

In the Office Action, a restriction requirement was made between the following:

- I. Claims 1-15, 28-43, drawn to an EL device, classified in class 313, subclass 498;
- II. Claims 16-27, drawn to an EL layer, classified in class class 428, subclass 917;
- III. Claims 44-60, drawn to a light source, classified in class 362, subclass 84;
- IV. Claims 123-131, drawn to a wiping head, classified in class 347, subclass 33;
- V. Claims 61-97, drawn to a method of selectively removing a coating, classified in class 427, subclass 271; and
- VI. Claims 98-122, drawn to an apparatus for removing a coating, classified in class 156, subclass 345-1.

Applicants submit that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden (see MPEP 803). Hence, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that claims be considered on the merits.

In keeping with the requirements under 35 USC 121, Applicants have elected for examination Group I, claims 1-25, and 28-43, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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